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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague and plague-infected rats.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, January 11, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended January 9, 1904, is published for general information.

H. B. SHAW, E.
Acting Under Colonial Secretary.

Report of the medical officer of health on the state of plague in Cape Colony during week ended January 9, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Dead rodents, probably plague infected, continued to be found in the town.

East London.—One case of plague was discovered during the week, namely, a native male, on the 8th instant. At the plague hospital 1 patient died during the week. Two cases remain under treatment. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

Knysna.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Plague-infected rodents were found in the town and district.

Other places.—In King Williams Town, Queenstown, Lady Grey Bridge, and Graaff-Reinet no case of plague in man or animals was discovered during the week.

Cape Town and harbor board area.—Three hundred and eighty-five rats were examined during the week. None were found affected with plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY, E.
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Mortality, December, 1903.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports as follows:

During the week ended January 16, 1904, the following-named vessels were inspected and given bills of health: German steamship *Leuctra*, chartered by the Lamport and Holt Line, with coffee for New Orleans, and only 1 passenger, the captain's wife; the British steamship *Terence*, of the Lamport and Holt Line, for New York, with coffee, and 5 first-cabin passengers, 1 for New York, 1 for Bahia, Brazil, and the remainder for Barbados, West Indies; and the British steamship *Catania*, with coffee for New York, and 1 first-class and 2 steerage passengers for that city. The *Catania* and the *Terence* had been disinfected at the Ilha Grande quarantine station on their way from here to Santos, which port is a clean one.

The steamship *Leuctra*, as she was to load cargo at Victoria, Brazil, and did not wish to do so in quarantine, received a preliminary surface disinfection here in the bay before leaving, the same being done by the local authorities.